

BANKER KILLED IN GUN DUEL WITH BANDITS

CITY MAN MAY HAVE ENDED LIFE IN RIVER

Relatives of H. T. King, Real Estate Man, Worried.

NOTE RECEIVED HERE

New Orleans Police Asked to Assist in Search.

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Wife Vetoes Air Ride of Senator; On Special Train

Desperate Effort to Aid Suffrage in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 9.

Senator A. H. Montgomery, listed as an anti-suffragist, arrived in Charleston today, and it was announced by opponents of the Amendment that he would break the deadlock in the state legislature and allow that body to adjourn before Senator Birch, the suffragist, could arrive to vote for ratification.

Senator A. H. Montgomery, some time ago moved to Illinois. He did not resign from the senate and his name has been carried on the roll during the extra session. Suffragists declared they would oppose his vote on the ground that he is no longer a resident of the state, while anti-suffragists would fight to have his vote recorded.

Senator Montgomery would not be quitted on his attitude toward the amendment. It was evident, however, that there was no doubt in the minds of anti-suffragists as to how Senator Montgomery would vote.

CHARLESTON, March 9.—Undeterred by news that he may arrive too late, Senator A. H. Montgomery, listed as an anti-suffragist, had reached Charleston and, even if the vote could be delayed until his arrival, he probably would bring about another tie, Senator Birch said he would make the trip anyway.

The republican national committee had a special train and an airplane waiting. Mrs. Birch cast the deciding vote for the train.

The special train cost the republican national committee \$1,000. The airplane cost \$500.

SEVEN REPORTED DEAD IN OHIO HOSPITAL FIRE

CALIFORNIA, Ohio, March 9.—Seven persons are reported to have been killed in a fire which destroyed the Ohio hospital here early today.

CITY USES 30,000 QUARTS MILK DAILY

Oklahoma City uses 30,000 quarts of milk every day, according to the report of C. E. Clifford, city chemist. The report, which includes a general survey of the work of the department during 1919, has not yet been prepared for publication.

STATE INCOME TAX LAW UNAFFECTED BY RULING

Decision of the United States supreme court that stock dividends are not taxable as income will not affect the state income tax law of Oklahoma, Frank Carter, state auditor, said Tuesday morning.

"All provisions of the state law were upheld by the same court a few days ago," he said. "Stock issued in lieu of dividends will be considered as income in the state."

Carter said that all delinquents will be charged the full penalty after April 1. The penalty for failure to file returns is \$5 per day for each day of delay.

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FEDERAL AGENTS AND POLICE IN BIG DOPE DRIVE

Nation-Wide Campaign Begun in City Today.

DETECTIVE CONFERENCE

Government Officers Confer With City Officials.

Police detectives following a conference Tuesday with federal agents announced the nation-wide drive against narcotics has been started in Oklahoma City.

Lee Mulliken, federal detective, said the police have organized for the campaign and will carry it on in connection with the federal authorities until the city is rid of illegal drug sellers and the dangers of narcotics.

The arrest of a doctor in the city who is said to have been selling narcotics illegally was expected Tuesday afternoon.

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GETS NEW TRIAL

Court of Appeals Remands Espionage Case Against Wealthy New York Socialist.

ROSE PASTOR STOKES

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—The United States circuit court of appeals here today reversed the verdict by which Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wealthy New York socialist, was convicted in Kansas City in June, 1918, of violating the espionage act, and recommended the case for new trial. Mrs. Stokes was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

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ROBBER GANG TERRORIZING WHOLE STATE

Bankers' Association Issues Warning Against Burglars.

PECKHAM BANK RIFLED

Sector Near City Being Raided Each Day.

Warning that a band of bank robbers who are after securities and the contents of safety deposit boxes is working the state, was issued Tuesday by the Oklahoma State Bankers' association.

The robbers are confining their activities for the present to a sector of the state within a 25-mile radius of Oklahoma City north and northeast of here. A series of robberies has been committed there in the last week. Stores and railroad stations have been held up and banks entered each day in the last week, and no case has been found to the town.

Peckham Bank Robbed.

Monday night the Peckham state bank was robbed in Kay county, and \$100 in cash and an unknown amount of securities taken.

The special warning comes as the result of a series of robberies beginning January 8, in which the burglars invariably tunneled through buildings and vaults and rifled deposit boxes of liberty bonds and jewelry. In nearly all cases the loss in cash has been small and no attention has been paid to the safe. Three banks have been robbed in the last week.

Extra Guards Needed.

Bankers in small towns of the state are cautioned to put on extra guards and night watchmen and especially to place all securities in the safe.

The gang is believed to be working in connection with a similar band which has been terrorizing small towns and cities in Texas recently.

One of the best ways to break up the gang in the belief of bank officers, is for a night watchman to surprise the robbers with a bullet shower some night while they are at work tunnelling their way through bank vaults.

Peckham State Bank Robbed

The Peckham State bank in Kay county was robbed of \$100 in cash and an unknown amount of liberty bonds and war savings stamps Monday night, according to W. R. Samuels, secretary of the state bankers' association.

Robbers dug a hole under the vault, rifled the safety deposit boxes, but left the safe untouched. The men entered the bank through a rear window and drilled through the vault. Paul B. Hinch, cashier, discovered the loss Tuesday morning. Bank officials have not been able to check up on the loss resulting from the rifling of safety deposit boxes.

BRYAN WILL OPPOSE SENATOR HITCHECOCK

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—Opposition to United States Senator J. M. Hitchcock, as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, was expressed by William Jennings Bryan in a statement made public here today.

Mr. Bryan announced that if elected a senator to the democratic national convention, he will not vote for Senator Hitchcock. "If the state instructs for him," he declared, "I shall allow an alternate to vote in my place."

Among the reasons given for his opposition to Senator Hitchcock were that he voted against submission of the federal prohibition and woman suffrage amendments and had opposed the currency bill passed during President Wilson's first administration.

LEWIS INVESTIGATES ALLEGED LEPER CASE

Immediate investigation of the supposed case of leprosy reported to have been found at Neenata by Dr. J. E. Suddeth, county health officer, will be made by Dr. A. R. Lewis, state health commissioner. He expects to leave for Neenata Tuesday night.

There is only one course which can be taken by the state in case the patient is found to have leprosy. The person must be isolated from all relatives and friends.

It will be impossible to transport the patient in any public conveyance to ensure where such persons are isolated in numbers. Federal laws prohibit such action, Dr. Lewis said.

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